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I refer to your letter of 12 November 1951 concerning the organization of publishing activities for defense industries in the USSR.

Several books have been obtained, in addition to the one by V. F. Solotnikov, which have been published by the "State Publishing House for the Defense Industry." The establishment of a publishing house specializing in a broad subject field for a number of interested ministries is in line with Soviet practice. For example, books relating to machine building are published by "Mashgiz", irrespective of the particular machine building ministry to which they relate.

Publications by the "State Publishing House for the Defense Industry," usually abbreviated as "Oborongiz," all seem to be in the nature of textbooks on defense subjects. One was written, or sponsored, by the Ministry of Higher Education. Defense ministries, such as the Ministry of Aviation, Ministry of Armaments and the Ministry of Shipbuilding also publish in their own names.

Yours sincerely,

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